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Interference

Claims 1 and 33 of this application have apparently been copied from a U.S. patent 1.

without being suggested by the examiner. The patent number and the number of the copied

claims have not been properly identified. 37 CFR 1.607(c).

Applicant is required to identify the patent and claim numbers and supply information

explaining why a complete identification of the copied patent claim(s) has not been presented.

Following applicant's reply to this requirement or the abandonment thereof, this application will

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be forwarded by the examiner to the Office of the Assistant Commissioner for Patents for

appropriate review as noted under 37 CFR 1.607(c).

Also, Claims 2-32 and 34-40 have been presented with at least one claim substantially

corresponding to the proposed counts (I and II), however, applicant must explain why each of

these claims correspond to the proposed counts. 37 CFR 1.607(a)(4).

Applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is

longer, from the mailing date of this communication for reply to avoid abandonment of this

application.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should

be directed to Mark T. Henderson whose telephone number is (703)305-0189. The examiner can

be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:30 AM to 3:45 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by

telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner supervisor, A. L. Wellington, can be reached on

(703) 308-2159. The fax number for TC 3700 is (703)305-3579. Any inquiry of a general nature

or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the TC 3700

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